THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Amounts Sanctioned for Rural Development in Orissa

1215. SHRI MAN MOHAN SAMAL: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the amount sanctioned by Government for rural development to Orissa for the current financial year;

(b) whether it is a fact that the funds allocated is quite meagre in view of the widespread damage caused by the super cyclone of last years; and

(c) if so, the details of the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI SUNDER LAL PATWA): (a) to (c) The Union Government has allocated an amount of Rupees 415.982 crore to Orissa for rural development during the current financial year, against Rs. 245.816 crore during 1999-2000. Thus the Central allocation for the current year has been substantially increased.

Rapid Rural Water Supply Programme in Uttar Pradesh

†1216. SHRI MANOHAR KANT DHYANI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the year-wise amount provided to Uttar Pradesh from the year 1997-98 till date under the Rapid Rural Water Supply Programme;

(b) whether any special funds have been provided for the hilly areas such as Uttaranchal for this purpose;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, reasons therefor?

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. RAJA): (a) The amount released to Uttar Pradesh under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) from the year 1997-98 onwards is as under:

(Rs. in lakhs)

	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-2001 (upto 27-7-2000)
Amount released	15182.66	16297.06	14825.12	7387.50

(b) to (d) Rural drinking water supply is a State Subject and the Central Government only supplements the efforts of the states by providing assistance under the Centrally sponsored Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme. Powers have been delegated to the States to plan, sanction and implement rural water supply schemes. As such area-wise/scheme-wise allocation of funds is done by the State Government. As per the information furnished by the Government of Uttar Pradesh, the funds allocated for hill areas (Uttaranchal) since 1997-98 is as under:

Year	Amount (in Rs. lakh)
1997-98	4300.00
1998-99	4300.00
2000-2001	3440.00
2000-2001 (till 29.7.2000)	—

Invention of Fuelless Water Wheel Turbine

1217. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that one Shri Mangal Singh R/O vill. and P.O. Bhailoni Lodh Block Bar, Distt. Lalitpur (U.P.) had applied for